



Hermosa Beach City Manager's Office
City Council Meeting Updates
01.22.19

A brief summary of important City Council updates discussed during the January 22, 2019 regularly scheduled meeting are provided below.

January 22, 2019 ([Meeting Agenda](#))

Los Angeles County Fire Services and McCormick Ambulance Quarterly Update and Annual Review Presentation – Emergency Management Coordinator **Brandy Villanueva** and LA County Fire Chief **Scott Hale** provided an update on fire and paramedic response calls for 2018. Fire response calls dropped 29% from 2,311 in 2017 to 1,645 in 2018 with improved overall average response time. The City's Fire Station remodel in partnership with Los Angeles County is on track to begin in March 2019 with construction completion scheduled for the first quarter of 2020.



City Manager Report / Staffing Update - The City Manager provided a staffing update regarding Public Works Director and City Engineer **Glen Kau**, whose last day with the City was Thursday, January 18, 2019. The City would like to thank Glen for his service since his arrival in October 2017, including leading the ongoing improvements to Hermosa Avenue, and wish him well on his future career endeavors! Deputy City Engineer **Lucho Rodriguez** has been appointed as acting Public Works Director; recruitment of a new Public Works Director / City Engineer is forthcoming. With recent staffing changes, the team is conducting a review of the City's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) plan to prioritize and evaluate the status of projects to ensure they are moving forward toward completion.

Consent Ordinance: Wireless Facilities in the Public Right of Way – Council adopted by title Ordinance Number 19-1390 establishing a City wireless encroachment permit with additional requirements for wireless facilities in the public right of way. Direction was provided for staff to return with an amendment requiring permittees to remove excess wiring and equipment including "snow shoes". The ordinance will go into effect February 21, 2019.



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Adoption of Resolution Authorizing City Clerk Salary Adjustment and Consideration of November 2019 Ballot Measure for Appointed City Clerk – Council adopted a resolution adjusting the compensation of the elected City Clerk back to the previous base salary rate as of June 9, 2015. Council further directed the City Attorney to return to the City Council with a resolution (estimated in May/June 2019) to place a ballot question on the November 2019 General Municipal Election, asking voters to consider changing the City Clerk from an elected office to an appointed position. As an elected position, the only requirements the City may impose for a prospective Hermosa Beach City Clerk is that they must be a registered voter, at least 18 years old, and reside within city limits. Voter approval of a change from an elected to appointed City Clerk would be consistent with 73% of California municipalities and 80% of municipalities nationally; and would strengthen City Clerk qualification and performance management requirements to reflect increasing demands on the office, including records management and campaign finance ordinance administration. If passed, the transition would coincide with the planned November 2019 retirement of City Clerk **Elaine Doerfling**, a 53-year resident of Hermosa Beach, who has served in her current position for 29 years.

Approval of Fourth Amendment to the Chamber of Commerce Wednesday Farmers' Market Agreement Including Term Extension and Language Updates Regarding Market Vendors – Council approved an extension of the agreement with the Hermosa Beach Chamber of Commerce for the weekly Wednesday Farmers' Market, held on Pier Plaza from 1pm to 6pm, to June 16, 2020 and affirmed amendments to the contract language regarding the composition of permitted vendors (70% farmers and purveyors of prepackaged food; 30% hot food and/or artisans, with a minimum of six farmers). Farmer Mark, the market manager, and Maureen Hunt, President and CEO of the Chamber of Commerce provided an update on the growth of the market in the last few years and their efforts to incorporate additional health and fitness activities into the programming for the market.



Approval to Implement an Optional Annual Skate Park Membership Program and Resolution Establishing an Annual Skate Park Membership Fee and Membership Card Replacement Fee – Council approved implementation of an annual Skate Park Membership Program at the Hermosa Beach Community Center (710 Pier Avenue) to alleviate the need for a release waiver signature each time the park is used while still ensuring parent/guardian permission for minors. As part of the action, Council also adopted a resolution to establish an annual \$10 membership fee and \$5 card replacement fee to cover the nominal staff/material cost of preparing and issuing membership cards. Patrons may continue to use the park at no cost/without the membership fee if a release waiver is signed prior to each usage. The Skate Park is open Monday-Friday 3pm to 7pm and Saturdays/Sundays/holidays/school vacation days from noon to 7pm. For more information, please visit our [website](#) or contact the Community Resources Department at (310) 318-0280.



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Purchase of Police Department Vehicles – Council continued this item to a future meeting pending further discussion with staff on the prospective purchase of three (3) 2019 Chevrolet Tahoes, two (2) 2019 BMW R1200RT-P motorcycles and one (1) 2019 Toyota Tacoma pick-up truck to replace existing Police Department vehicles that have reached the end of their useful life.

City Council Report - California Contract Cities Association Legislative Tour – Councilmember Fangary reported on legislative updates from the California Contract Cities Association meeting held in Sacramento from January 7-9, 2019. **Councilmember Fangary** requested the City Manager consider retaining a lobbyist as part of the next budget process to represent Beach Cities interests in key legislative issues such as housing and transportation.

Request for City Council to Consider Holding a Joint Study Session with the Beach Cities Health District to Discuss Youth Health Issues – Council concurred with **Councilmember Duclos'** recommendation to initiate a joint study session with the Beach Cities Health District to address youth health issues including alcohol and drug abuse, e-cigarettes/vaping and school absenteeism. Staff will return to Council with a recommended date.

**THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED CITY COUNCIL MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE ON TUESDAY,
FEBRUARY 12, 2019.**

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